

51. (New) The phosphate-binding polymer according to claim 49 which has an average particle size of no more than 250 microns, with at least 90% being occupied by particles no larger than 300 microns.

52. (New) The phosphate-binding polymer according to claim 29 which is a polymer obtained by allowing epichlorohydrin to act on polyallylamine in a water/acetonitrile mixed solvent system to that the polyallylamine is crosslinked.

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**REMARKS**


The present amendment is submitted in order better to define the invention.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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